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Chapter 41: Section 106. Tree warden; appointment.

Section 106. If the town provides by vote or by-law that the tree warden shall be appointed, such appointment shall be made by the board of selectmen. The term of such appointment shall be for three years.

In any city or in a town which exceeds ten thousand inhabitants and which provides by vote, by-law or by ordinance that the tree warden shall be appointed, such appointment shall be made by the mayor, with the approval of the city council or by the board of selectmen. In such city or town, the tree warden shall exercise the duties of tree warden and of insect pest control. Such tree warden shall be qualified by training and experience in the field of arboriculture and licensed with the department of food and agriculture in accordance with the provisions of section ten of chapter one hundred and thirty-two B. The term of such appointment shall be for three years. (Added in 1920; last amended in 1996)

Editorial notes: The underlined language was added in 1996.

For regular appointment of a tree warden, please see Ch. 41, Sections 40 and 106; for temporary appointment of a tree warden, please see Chapter 41, Section 11; for replacement of a tree warden, please see Ch. 41, Section 69C-E or G; and for restoration of replaced tree warden office, please see Ch. 41, Section 69F.